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FOR AF/W. AMBASSADOR TODMAN

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SUBJECT: PL-480 FY-74 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ON MORNING APRIL 30, MOUNTAGA KEITA, CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION, MINISTRY OF EXCHANGES, CAME TO THE EMBASSY AND INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SIGN THE FY-74 PL-480 AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON. KEITA SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT TOURE FOLLOWING THE MEETING MENTIONED REFTEL A WITH DIRECTEUR DE CABINET, MINISTRY OF EXCHANGES. STATED REASON FOR DECISION IS THAT RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WHO SHOULD SIGN AGREEMENT (I.E., AMBASSADOR TODMAN AND GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON. GUINEAN DELEGATION WHICH WILL GO TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL B) TO PRESENT CASE FOR FURTHER FOOD ASSISTANCE AND TO SIGN AGREEMENT NOW TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO LEAVE CONAKRY MAY 3 BY SABENA.

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2. KEITA STATED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT BUT DID VERY MUCH WANT TO INCREASE BOTH THE QUANTITIES AND THE TYPES OF COMMODITIES INVOLVED.

3. COMMENT: AT APRIL 29 MEETING EMBOFFS ALSO CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT CHARGE ABLE TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR USG AND THAT AMBASSDOR'S ABSENCE WOULD IN NO WAY DELAY SIGNATURE. IT APPEARS GUINEANS ARE STUCK ON IDEA THAT IF THEY SIGN FOR PRESENT COMMODITIES THEY WILL NOT GET ANY MORE. TO AVOID FURTHER DELAYS WHICH COULD PREJUDICE WHOLE PROGRAM, REQUEST EMBASSY BE INSTRUCTED ASAP TO GO BACK TO MINISTER OF EXCHANGES AND REITERATE DEPT'S ASSURANCES THAT IF PRESENTLY ALLOCATED QUANTITIES ARE TO ARRIVE IN GUINEA, ACCORD SHOULD BE SIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT SIGNATURE WILL IN NO WAY PREJUDICE CONSIDERATION FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES UNDER ANY OTHER PROGRAM. HAVERKAMP

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